

REMARKS

The Office Action alleges that the claims read on two distinct species; species A (ethylene diamine and the like), and species B (diethyltoluenediamine and the like). Applicants respectfully point-out an error in claim 35 and in the characterization of “polyetheramines”, an example of species B. The polyetheramines of the present invention are trifunctional, not tetrafunctional. Claim 35 is amended to correct this oversight.

The Claim Amendments:

Claim 35 is amended as discussed above

Election of Species:

Applicants hereby elect species B (diethyltoluenediamine, dimethylthiotoluenediamine, tri-functional polyetheramine) for further examination on the merits.

Apportionment of Claims:

Claim 11 is generic.

Claims 12, 13, and 35 read on species B.

Multiply-dependent claims 14 - 17 and 24 - 30 read on species B in part.


Request for Extension of Time:

Applicants hereby request an extension of time to reply of two months, the fee of \$ 490.00 for which is paid herewith by credit card.

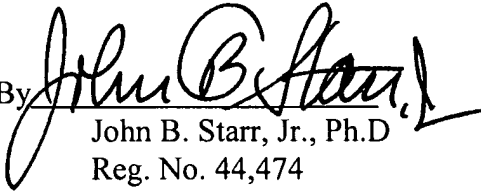
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